

# **New Jersey Board of Public Utilities**

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## Christie Administration Approves \$1.15 million in Energy Efficiency Grants for Rutgers University

 Incentives support projects at 36 Rutgers sites in Camden, Newark, New Brunswick and Piscataway –

**Trenton, N.J.** - The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities today approved incentives totaling approximately \$1.15 million for Rutgers University to implement energy efficiency technology upgrades at 36 university locations. The incentives, provided through New Jersey's Clean Energy Program(tm) (NJCEP) will make possible total investment of nearly \$1,539,000 in energy efficiency upgrades at the University's facilities in Camden, New Brunswick, Newark and Piscataway. The measures are expected to result in annual energy savings of approximately \$617,424.

"Rutgers University knows a good deal when it sees one. With substantial incentives and annual energy savings, these projects often offer a payback of just a few years," said Richard S. Mroz, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. "We urge all New Jersey ratepayers, including homeowners, schools, local governments, businesses and industrial facilities, to look at the energy efficiency program advantages offered through the New Jersey's Clean Energy Program."

Rutgers University, a frequent participant in the various NJCEP programs, utilized incentives available through the NJCEP's Large Energy User Program (LEUP) for this project. After meeting program pre-qualification requirements, Rutgers University will now make energy efficient upgrades such as replacing T-12, T8, CFL and incandescent interior lighting with reduced wattage fluorescents and LEDs with occupancy sensor controls. Other measures will include the replacement of fan and pump motors in building HVAC, vacuum, and domestic water supply systems.

"The best thing about the LEUP is that the University is able to strategically plan its energy reduction by targeting specific needs on multiple campuses. We know that funds will be available for that plan and that the LEUP's quick payback period means the University sees a positive cost saving in a short period of time." Michael Kornitas, Director of Sustainability and Energy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

NJCEP incentives of \$1,153,952 will offset the total incremental project costs of \$1,538,603. When installation is completed, the energy efficient equipment is expected to save 5,145,199 kWh annually; the equivalent of saving enough electricity to power 620 New Jersey homes.

The NJCEP offers energy efficiency incentives for both new construction as well as existing buildings. For more information on how your business can take advantage of the available programs visit the NJCEP website at <a href="http://www.njcleanenergy.com">http://www.njcleanenergy.com</a> or contact a NJCEP representative at 866-657-6278.

#### About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)

The NJBPU is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBPU include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents. To find out more about the NJBPU, visit our web site at <a href="http://www.bpu.state.nj.us/">www.nj.gov/bpu.state.nj.us/</a>

### **About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP):**

NJCEP, established on January 22, 2003 in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), and its website is <a href="www.NJCleanEnergy.com">www.NJCleanEnergy.com</a> <a href="http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com">http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com</a>.

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